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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **OSTGAARD, Odd Terje.**

Serial No.: 09/486,549

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International Application No: PCT/NO98/00232

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For: SAFETY BOX/INCINERATION CONTAINER FOR USED SYRINGES

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37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- ☐ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]
- ☐ After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

- ☐ No separate requirements are needed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

☐ **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97©**

The fee of \$240.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

☐ **Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.97(d)**

This is a petition requesting consideration of an IDS under § 1.97(d). The petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in § 1.17(i)(1) accompanies this petition.

☐ **Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

Each item of information contained in this statement was either

- (1) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; or
- (2) not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Provision of Copies of References

☒ A copy of each of the foreign references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449A is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

☒ A copy of the European patent, EP 0328416 A1, is attached to the listed reference and forms a part hereof. The English Text reference EP0328416A1 does not require a translation.

☒ A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding PCT/NO98/00232 International application is enclosed herewith.

Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

☐ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application Serial No. _____, filed on _____. The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 04-1679**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the materials listed on the enclosed for PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

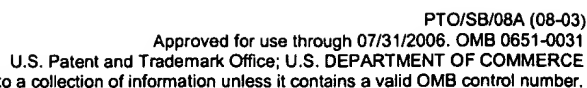
The claimed invention is believed patentable over the enclosed references. No representations are made regarding the references other than those set forth above.

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